

New Shoreham Recreation Board
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road
8:15 a.m.

Present: Chair Chris Willi, Members: Sarah Sue Deane, Gail Heinz Paige Gaffett and Ann Hall. Also present were Recreation Director Robert Closter, Town Manager Nancy Dodge and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes. Absent: Alternate Member Susie Wright.

Chris Willi called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

1. Public Comment

The Board welcomed new member Paige Gaffett.

2. Approve Minutes for April 21, 2015

Ms. Hall moved to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015. Ms. Deane seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Hall, Deane, Willi, Heinz, Gaffett) 0 Nays 1 Absent (Wright)

3. Director's Report

Recreation Director Closter reported the following:

- The fantastic tourist traffic this summer is reflected in the increased revenue for the department.
- There were no lifeguards on duty the last two weeks in August and into September.
- Sports camps and Camp Mohegan participant numbers were up.
- Leagues were very successful this summer.
- The triathlon (9:00 a.m. start) had 475 registrants, down from the budgeted 600 registrants.
- Additional camps should be added for the last week/weeks in August in the future.
- Fall programs are up and running: on-island soccer, Narragansett soccer, Friday Night Games and the recreation center.

4. New Business

a. Discuss and act on Recreation Staffing Plan

Mr. Closter stated he accepted a full-time teaching position at the Block Island School beginning November 30th. He noted that he will work as Rec. Director until his new hire date and will be available to help transition of a new recreation staff member.

The Recreation Board explained that losing Rob Closter will be a big loss to the department and thanked him for his hard working twelve years of service.

b. Update: Ball O'Brien Bathrooms, Beach Renovations, Rec Pro, Facebook

Town Manager Dodge stated that the Ball O'Brien Park bathrooms should be complete by December 15th. Ms. Heinz asked that a water spigot be included for filling water bottles. She also suggested that fitness stations be added in the playground area. Mr. Willi noted that the Lion's Club has some money for additional equipment at the park. Ms. Hall stated that a handicap swing should be installed.

Town Manager Dodge stated that they were waiting on specs for the beach house renovation. It will go out to bid once the specs are received. There is \$350,000 approved for construction.

Mr. Closter explained that he worked with the Town's IT in the spring to implement the RecPro program. He stated that RecPro will require additional programming hours before it will be ready for trial usage.

Ms. Dodge stated that she believed the RecPro program directly interfaces with Facebook. She stated that she would get more information.

It was noted that the following should be on a future agenda: Pursue the creation of a new field on BILT property at Heinz Field.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2015.

With no new business to discuss, Ms. Heinz moved to adjourn at 8:57 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: December 15, 2015